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RE: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) - The Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR)

Dear Ms. Ellen Wheatley:

Existing and tentative plans to expend supplemental CCDF-CRRSA funds are provided below by functional category as requested.

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

Yes, we intend to provide co-payment waiver assistance for family members of eligible essential employees. The waiver assistance will be monitored and reported on a quarterly basis for a period of up to two years. The waiver assistance for each recipient will also be reviewed for continued eligibility.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

Yes, we intend to use the funds to procure technical assistance to conduct health and safety hazard mitigation planning in accordance with state and local health department and the CDC guidelines, and in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation

(CTGR) - COVID-19 Budget Planning Committee to ensure comprehensive implementation of virus mitigation policies and procedures.

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency?

Yes. We plan to allocate fund to procure equipment and supplies, including but not limited to, PPE for children and providers, sanitation emergency health kits for children, families, providers, and each of the centers. Assistance will be provided to upgrade, replace, or install distance learning equipment, and culture kits for providers and children, and to develop culturally responsive health and safety standards. Additional funds will be allocated to expand or add outdoor play space to allow for social distancing. Isolation protocols and space for children experiencing symptoms will be provided.

We plan to support the stability of the childcare sector through the promotion of CDC social distancing guidelines, state health and safety measures, by providing expanded space, equipment and supplies, as deemed necessary to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. We also intend to allocate funding to ensure air filtration system optimization, ventilation, and to engage a professional commercial disinfectant spraying service on a monthly basis.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

We intend to maximize assistance to eligible providers in a manner that supports the health, safety and well-being of children and providers in accordance with funding guidelines and regulations.

Other -Additional Tentative Plans

We tentatively plan to allocate funding to procure a center liaison to help assess the health and safety needs of each center and to conduct ongoing safety checks. The liaison will evaluate the viability of providing monthly retention bonuses and incentives if providers complete additional training and professional development.

Thank you for your assistance as we work to provide the highest level of professional child care and services for our children, providers, and child care centers.

Please let me know if you have questions, or require additional information.

Regards,

/s/

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